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Reference: IB Docket No. 95-59

Dear Commissioners:

It is with great concern that I address the proposal contained in Docket No. 95-59 with respect to the law governing satellite dishes. I reside in Hilltop Summit Condominiums located in Brookhaven, Pennsylvania. Our community consists of townhomes (two bedroom units, arranged side-by-side and back-to-back) along with flats (one bedroom units, arranged in blocks of nine, back-to-back, with 18 units to a building) (see attached). Cable television is available, as are all services to our community through underground wiring. To allow eighteen satellite dishes atop each building would be unsightly to say the least with the peaked roofs. The alternative with the flats is to attach them to the balconies. With the first floor units the dishes would be on the ground floor patios and would present a liability safety problem.. With the townhomes, the peaking of the roofs would necessitate the placement of the dishes on the lawns of the units that are 20 feet wide for each unit creating a safety hazard. Attaching the satellite dishes to the siding of the buildings or balconies is prohibited in our rules and regulations. Our condominium association/community has invested vast sums of capital funds to improve and preserve our community. Vinyl siding (\$25,000 per building) and new balconies (\$75,000) is a large part of these improvements.

I would ask that each living arrangement (single homes, townhome communities, apartment building communities, duplexes, etc) be considered before enacting on legislation that will impact each living arrangement. Communities throughout the country consist of very different situations and exceptions. Legislation should not be passes with only "single homes" in mind and consideration must and should be given to other living arrangements. Without such consideration, a great burden will be placed on the homeowner and community in complying with this new legislation.

To pass this legislation without concern to condominium/community living arrangements would place undue burden on the financial, safety, and overall quality-of-life of our residents without regard to the possible installation of 100 or more satellite dishes. In summary, I request the Commissioners to keep all communities in the forefront when considering legislation that will impact every living arrangement in our communities.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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PHOTO 1 Example of townhouse configuration (southwest exposure)



PHOTO 2 Example of flat configuration (eastern exposure)

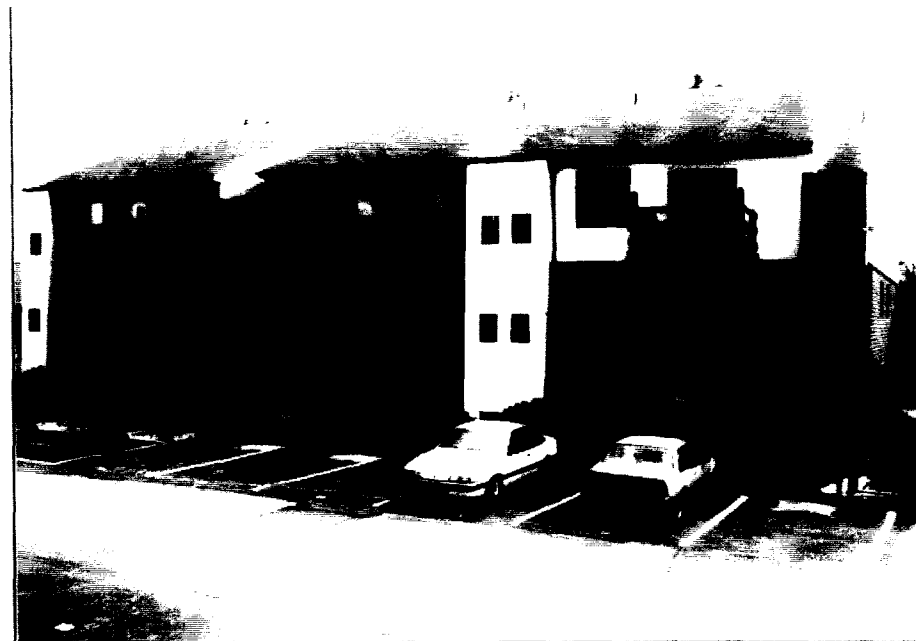


PHOTO 3. Flat building, limited roof space (northwest exposure)



PHOTO 4. Flat buildings, close proximity, wooden balconies, limited space (left-western exposure, right-eastern exposure)



PHOTO 5. Townhouse building, brick and siding construction (southeastern exposure)

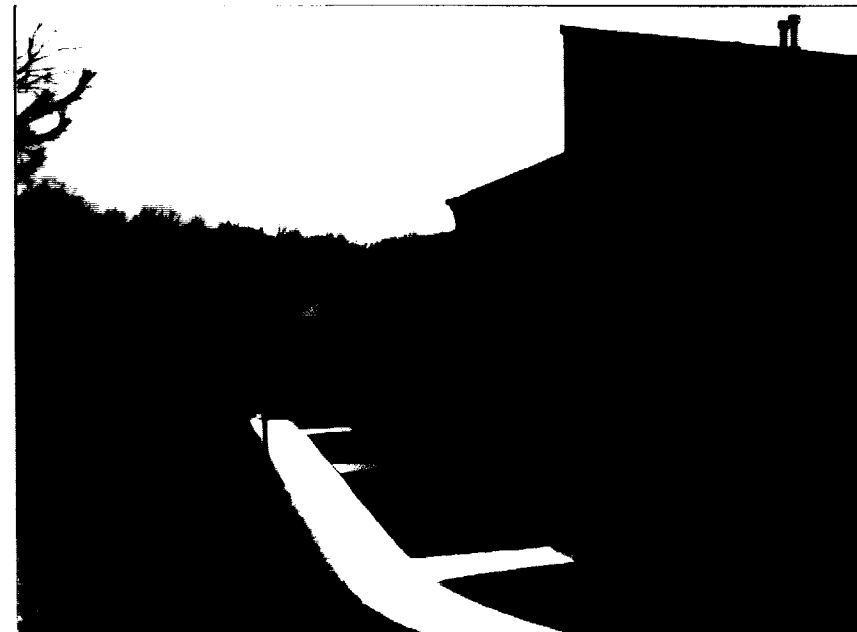


PHOTO 6. Townhouse building, rear, cantilevered roofline (northern-western exposure)



PHOTO 7. Townhouse building, new roofing and siding installation (southeastern exposure)



PHOTO 8. Townhouse buildings, cantilevered roofline, close proximity to each other (northeastern-southwestern exposures)

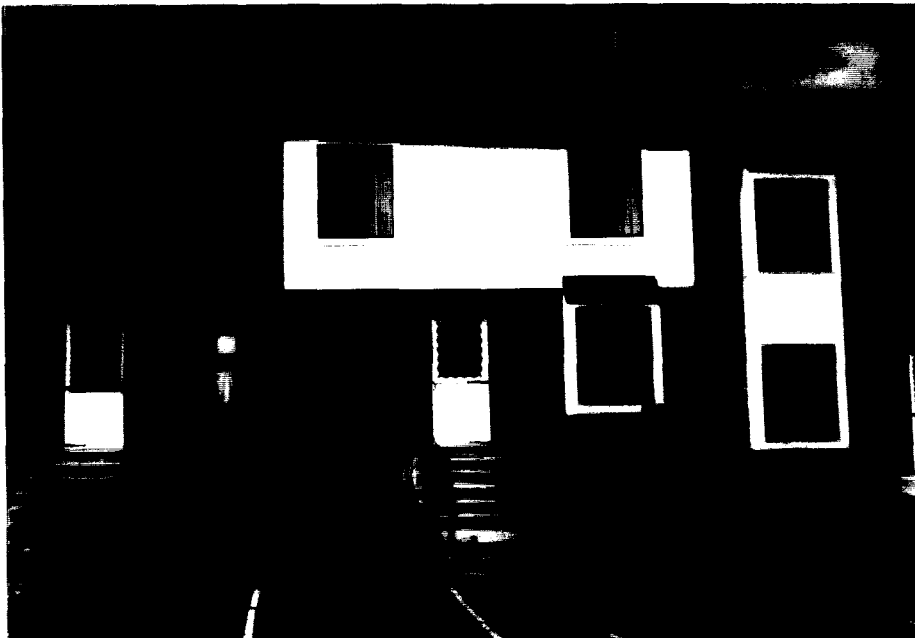


PHOTO 9. Typical townhouse, twenty (2) feet wide, limited front yard, new roof and siding (southeastern exposure)



PHOTO 10 Flat and townhouse comparison (southeastern exposure)



PHOTO 11. All utilities; gas, electric, cable TV are underground.



PHOTO 12. Electric utility stepdown transformer. At grade level connections underground.